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FOR: METHOD OF UNIFORMLY ETCHING REFRACTORY METALS,
REFRACTORY METAL ALLOYS AND REFRACTORY METAL
SILICIDES

AMENDMENT

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Responsive to the outstanding Office Action issued July 23, 2002 in the above-captioned matter, entry of the following amendments is respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. A method for etching a semiconductor device to form an etched pattern therein, comprising:

(a) providing a semiconductor device having a plurality of layers, at least one of the layers of the semiconductor device comprising a refractory metal-containing material; and

B1 (b) etching the semiconductor device under conditions with an etchant composition comprising a first etchant chemistry which comprises a chlorine source free of BCl_3 and a second etchant chemistry which is free of fluorine

B2 15. A method of etching a refractory metal-containing layer and an oxide layer, the method comprising:

(a) etching the refractory metal-containing layer to an end point using a first etchant